

Be Quiet & Shut Up

Dear Readers,

Please let me explain this abrasive statement. One time I received a request from a neighbor to please check in on a single mother. When I went to the apartment on a Sunday afternoon, the mother answered the door. I could see right away from her appearance and the old clothing she had on, that there was a need. After further communication, I discovered she had a job that paid less than seven dollars an hour and that she had a little girl. Her husband was an alcoholic that had left them over a year ago. We helped with much needed daily necessities, utility assistance and actually had the electricity turned back on.

I also found out her job was only five hours a day, five days a week. Prior to this job, her work skills were minimal as her husband who had fled had never let her work outside the home. She had told me because of her husband's abrasiveness they did not have many friends. When she would talk to a neighbor, the husband would yell at her and tell her to keep to herself. When I met the little girl, I could see that she was not very outgoing. She actually seemed very upset by my presence. She went into the other room of the two room apartment and cowered as she pulled her legs up against her body. I asked the mother, "Is she okay? Does she always act like this?" She said that she thought it was because the father left and stated that she was never like this before her father left.

I gave the name and address of a food pantry to get food from and where to get free, new clothing. I also went and bought some food and brought it back immediately. I then gave the woman some gift certificates to go shopping for daily necessities for her and the child. I told her that I would come back next week to see what she had bought and see how they were doing. She was very thankful and told me that she did not know which neighbor had requested help for her. The neighbor had asked to be kept anonymous due to their fear that the abusive husband might return and did not want to get involved with him. The mother said that she did not believe her ex-husband would come back because they had not heard from him in over a year. She told me to please let the neighbor know that she was grateful and thank them for bringing her help.

When I returned the following week, I stopped by on a week day. As I approached the home, I could see a man come out of the door. At first I thought that the husband had returned. When he turned and saw me approaching the home, he ran off to the dwelling next door. I thought that was strange. In fact, in his haste, when he went to shut the door it did not catch. After I

knocked on the door a few times and no one answered, the door had swung open. I loudly called out hello repeatedly. There was no answer. I proceeded to walk in. I noticed that there was a box with a new toaster in it on the counter and I saw some new plates. There were daily necessities across the counter. At first I thought that this man was trying to take some of her things, but then when I looked into the second room, which was the bedroom for the mother and daughter, I was horrified. The little girl had been molested and was crying. Her face was red and bruised and her clothes in tatters. I immediately called the police. We found out that the mother could not afford daycare so she would tell her daughter to not answer the door. One day the mother came home early from work ill and found the neighbor in her house. She said that she asked him, "What are you doing here?" He turned to her and said, "Nothing." He then told both of them, "Be quiet and shut up, or else." I asked the mother, "Why didn't you call the police?" She said that she was scared that the police would not do anything and take his word against theirs. She said the police could not protect them all the time and that the evil neighbor would be free to come back anyway to harm them.

She had a great fear of men, especially after living under the dictatorial relationship of her ex-husband. With this individual case, the man was prosecuted and sent to jail since he had been raping and torturing this child for the past year. So why do I bring this up in our column of helping the poor? The reason why we help the poor is because we have God caring hearts and a conscious of what is right. This is not an isolated situation, it is a growing epidemic. Just recently I read an article stating that the number one illegal money making industry in the world, drug trafficking, is being taken over by human trafficking. It stated that at present time, it is worth over 36 billion dollars and growing rapidly. Part of that is also the violence of brutalizing women and children. We have these seemingly normal men living amongst us by the thousands in our state alone that repeatedly physically take advantage of women and children.

I reach out to you women readers, and the good men who support women and their rights, to help. There was a time when women wanted to vote, and rightfully so they gained that respect. Then as women continued to want equal rights, it was time to give them that in the work place. God created all of us equal. What are missing now are the tools for our law enforcement officials and our social workers. We need to have the strict laws protecting women and children in place, as they are in some states. There should be a stronger deterrent in place to discourage these predators from finding our state, or any state a safe haven

for their deviant behavior. Once again, our women need to speak out, to not be quiet and shut up as these violent predators are telling them. They need to say they want an end to this. Good men need to also speak up, be heard and say they want to put an end to this for their children, their wives, and daughters, sisters, mothers, and grandmothers' sakes. Even senior citizens are being subjected to this violent crime. The brutalization must stop and we can only do this together. Woman did not get the right to vote because they asked for it, they put up a fight. Woman did not get equal rights in the work place because they asked politely, they fought for it. We have to unite and put an end to this barbaric treatment of all women and children.

There is always going to be somebody breaking those laws, but we need laws that can contend with them. We also need to understand that these people need help and they are dealing with an illness. It is a fact that if someone is poverty stricken, their likelihood of being abused and taken advantage of increases. That does not completely eliminate people who are not living in poverty, they also get abused. Just a couple of years ago in broad daylight, a good woman walking her dog was beaten, dragged into a little patch of woods and raped all within a few blocks of a police station. Is there something the matter with this picture? There sure is. The predators are not afraid of what laws do exist to protect the innocent

In Texas, three sex offenders after finishing their sentence in prison, upon their release said "Please do not release me, I cannot help myself." They realize they have a problem but the prison response was, "No, we cannot keep you here because we do not have the laws in place to keep you here" So they let him go. In this investigative report when they did follow ups of these people it turns out they all disappeared from where they were supposed to be. In the beginning of this report there were 10 released offenders that they were following, and then 7 of them disappeared. It turns out the two who said they were out of control were in another state, even though they were not supposed to leave the area where they were on so called "probation." They had actually started killing their victims because their sickness got even worse. They were finally caught but after many were killed; all woman and young children.

Obviously we need to change our laws. We need to stop these predators before they inflict their evil crime on unsuspecting women and children, before they destroy children's innocence and scar lives. There needs to be a special place for victims of these crimes to go for healing. They need that help to put their lives back together. We need to offer compassion, and we need to have this special place for hope, and to give

them the help necessary for recovery. At the present time our county is trying to do all this and they need our help. Federal and state budgets are being cut. Our wonderful county is where we live and work. We once again need to fight for our rights to safe guard our women and children.

I was recently invited to attend a meeting. I found many influential people working hard to protect all the people of the county. I felt proud to be invited to such an important endeavor. I look forward to working with these God caring people. All of them deserve our support and thankfulness for taking the initiative striving to protect everyone, all of us and all of the victims. God bless each and every one of them.

We need once again to come together and make our area a better place to live. We need to continue to supply food and shelter, utilities, clothing, daily necessities and transportation for our fellow creations that have fallen on hard times. We also need to help care for people in need of compassion and support while recovering in a safe and caring facility. Every dollar donated will be utilized for these areas. If you want your donation to go towards helping for the support and protection of women and children, please state this on your donation. I thank all of you for your patience, your kindness and your encouragement. Together we can and we do make our communities a better place to live. I thank everyone for reading. Please network our column and don't be embarrassed to speak out about this subject. Please do not be quiet, and please do NOT shut up, like these predators want us to. Speak out. Speak up. Be proud to be a good person. Be proud to be an American with ethics and morals. Let us all pull together and continue our growth as better human beings. Please join me in supporting what everyone needs, coming together for good.

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